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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant makes the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449, of record in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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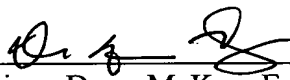
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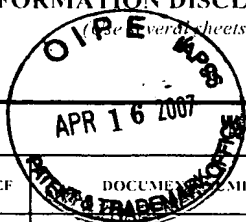
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

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